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THE PECOS VALLEY.

CHARLES H. SPARKS, Republican delegate, interviewed on his Section of Country.

A FEW POINTERS TO ALBUQUERQUE.

THE CITIZEN ever alive to the material development of New Mexico, and Albuquerque in particular, publishes the following interview with Charles H. Sparks, of Roswell, Chavez county, who is a delegate from that section to the territorial convention now in session in this city.

The representative of THE CITIZEN found Mr. Sparks at Sturges' European and made himself known in the usual manner and at once began the pumping process.

Information was elicited which contains pointers, which if properly acted upon by this community, might be utilized to great advantage. The Pecos valley could easily be made tributary to this city and it behoves us to keep a watchful eye upon that section, with a view to encouraging the building of a railroad from Albuquerque into that section via Whitehouse.

The indications are favorable for an early extension. Surveys are now in the field, perfecting the survey made a year ago and preparing plots to file in the United States land office for right of way over government land. The road was put in the hands of a receiver about six weeks ago, the object being to either force the obdurate minority bondholders to sell out or to agree to a cancellation of the present bonds and accept in lieu thereof a like amount of bonds on the entire line, including the 200 miles to be built between Roswell and Washburn, Texas.

If the minority bondholders continue obdurate, it may take a year to freeze them out, through the necessarily slow process of courts. But no sensible person imagines that they will not compromise and consent to a reorganization before long. If they should prove contrary, it would take a year to oust them, and leave a reorganization that would enable the company to build. When this gap is filled between Roswell and Washburn we shall have an air line to Kansas City and Chicago.

"What information could you furnish THE CITIZEN in relation to C. B. Eddy's projected road into the White Oaks country?"

"I was told by a man who is in a position to know that if the coal investigations proved satisfactory the road would be built, that to the present time developments have not proven satisfactory, that a diamond drill was put to work on the Catarachi flats last week and the result of discoveries hoped for would determine the fate of the enterprise, that within a few weeks at most the success or failure of the scheme would be announced. Roswell looks hopefully towards this projected road, and as soon as Mr. Eddy announces that he will build, our citizens propose to raise a bonus of \$50,000 to have it extended from the Salem country to Roswell, and thence to Liberal, Kansas. In the event the road is built, Albuquerque should put on her overalls and go to work to secure a connection and thereby control a vast trade that the future will develop in the Pecos valley."

Christian citizenship meeting.

A large congregation filled the Congregational house of worship on the Highbands Sunday evening and listened to addresses by Rev. Young, of the Baptist church; Rev. Allen, of the Congregational church; and Rev. Foulks, Methodist church south. Mr. Young, the first speaker, advocated political toleration, denouncing political intolerance as but one degree removed from religious intolerance. He favored political arbitration on vexed questions of political policy and earnestly implored Christian men to aid in the nomination and election of just men to office. He believed that when good men governed good times would be had.

Mr. Foulks dwelt on Christian political responsibility in politics but admitted that he seldom voted.

Mr. Allen complimented Albuquerque's present city government but declared the future full of danger if good men did not unite for good government, especially in municipal affairs. He urged upon Christians the importance of attending their party primaries and insisting upon the nomination of good men and working for their election.

Excellent plans have been adopted. The board of regents having the construction of this building in charge, Capt. Poe, E. A. Cahoon, Hon. George Purdy, Nathan Jaffa and Capt. Lee. The character of the men comprising this board insures a faithful performance of duty and a public trust, honorable, able and economically discharged. My confidence is so great in the board that I unhesitatingly predict the best public building for the money ever built in the territory."

"What is the character of your popular Mr. Sparks, and from what section do you obtain settlers?"

"Most of the early settlers of Chavez county came from western Texas; this accounts for the phenomenally large democratic majority our county has been noted for in past years, but during the last two years, through the literature circulated by the Pecos Irrigation company and the activity of its immigration agents nine out of ten come from northern states, and consequently about nine out of ten of the new settlers are repub-

licans. Miss Nellie Jackson is very ill at home with congestion of the lungs.

THEY ROASTED HIM!

The trial before a Congressional committee.

The Unpleasant Experience of our Governor of Washington

How He Was Scrutinized, Jeered, and Laughed at in Senate.

THE SANTA FE BONDS

Waiving in Mattoon, W. T. Thompson, attorney for the bondholders, was called before the committee of the House. His principal burden was the members of the bondholders and the members of the legislature.

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